



Minutes
April 8, 2024 Meeting

1. Call to order took place at 6:00 p.m.
2. The pledge of allegiance was held
3. Roll call: Barber, Pepper, Buford, Watkins, Romero, and Medina were present. Smith was absent. Also, present were Gates, Malouff, Ron Sisneros, Rick Goepfinger, Doug Hudson, Mario Rodriguez.
4. The agenda was approved Watkins (M), Romero (S), passed 6-0.
5. The agenda with changes was approved 6-0, Pepper (M) Watkins (S)
6. The March 25, 2024 minutes were approved. 6-0. Buford (M), Watkim (S)
7. The winners from the April 2, 2024 Election were Sworn in. Gerald Barber-Mayor, Tracy Pepper-Trustee, Ron Sisneros-Trustee, Rick Goepfinger-Trustee, J.C. Watkins-T1·ustee
8. There was no public comment
9. Old Business
 - a. The Faw Wells evaluation is taking place. The water agreen1ent with SECCD has been returned.
 - b. Mayor Barber will be at a grant 311d planning meeting 011 fiber optics at SCEDD on 4/11/2024.
 - c. The 2024 Election was discussed concerning how to 111&ke up the n1011ies that were lost in the Tax Question raising marijuana tax. Utility rate increases were discussed as the option available to make up the \$18,000 that is needed for maintenance cost increases. Anothe1· option discuss was the reduction of the 12% & 7% given to the fire department and recre2.tion departments out of the marijuana taxes.
 - d. Town Administrator, Karen Gates gave an update on the Lead and Copper surveys and the grant.
 - e. The new requirements concerning PFAS were presented by Karen Gates, Town Administrator.
 - f. The town has 1·eccivcd the SIPA grant to help with meeting the /ADA requirements on July 1, 2024.
 - g. The council approved purchasing playground equipment for the south park fo1· the \$22,665.50. Watkins (M), Romero (S), all voted yes. Passed 7-0.
 - h. The town discussed the Tower placed on top of 208/210 Main and the failure to obtain a building permit. The town will begin the cou1·t proceedings.
10. New Business
 - a. The council discussed the grant received by the fire department of Jaws of Life equipment and how the match would be funded. Karen Gates will bring back a final recommendation.
 - b. The Arbor Day proclamation was read and approved 7-0. Pepper (M), Watkins (S).
 - c. The council discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to purchase Sonar Equipment in June.
 - d. The council heard from Karen Gates (TA) on the CML Clerks convention this October.
 - e. Karen Gates (TA) gave the council an update on the problems with reading 1T1eters.
 - f. The council approved the town holiday party. Passed 6-0, Watkins (M), Romero {S}
 - g. Resolution 2024-05 on bank signatures was approved 7-0 Pepper (M), Watkins (S).
11. Adjournment took place at 6:54 p.m. Next Meeting, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

4-22-24